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In re Patent Application of:  
Robert Blumenthal et al.

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For: METHODS FOR INHIBITING HIV AND  
OTHER VIRAL INFECTIONS BY  
MODULATING CERAMIDE METABOLISM

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Examiner: Shengjun Wang

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Final Office action dated January 5, 2011 concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination, a Request for a one-month Extension of Time, and the requisite fees. Applicants believe that no fees are required for consideration and entry of this paper. Nevertheless, Applicants hereby authorize the Director to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under order no. 59526(47992). Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.